

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A skeleton structural member for use in a transport machine, comprising:

a hollow skeleton member;

multiple granules packed inside the skeleton member and/or a space bounded by the skeleton member and a panel member peripheral to ~~it~~ the skeleton member; and

a partition wall member formed by expanding at least one partition wall forming member provided inside the skeleton member and/or space, for forming a closed space to be packed with the multiple granules.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ skeleton structural member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the partition wall forming member expands more quickly than the multiple granules expand.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ skeleton structural member according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the partition wall forming member is made of a foaming resin material.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing ~~method of~~ a skeleton structural member to be used in a transport machine, said skeleton structural member having multiple granules packed inside a skeleton member and/or a space bounded by a skeleton member and a panel member peripheral thereto, the manufacturing method comprising the steps of:

disposing a plurality of partition wall forming members for forming partition walls inside the skeleton member and/or space apart from each other inside a vessel or a bag;

placing the granules between the plurality of partition wall forming members;

disposing the vessel and its contents or the bag and its contents inside the skeleton member and/or space; and

heating the vessel and ~~its contents~~ of the vessel or the bag and ~~its contents~~ of the bag.